



# ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS

Ayia Kyriaki, Kato Paphos; St. Luke's Prodromi  
and St. Stephen's, Tala

A Parish in the DIOCESE OF CYPRUS AND THE GULF

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed, through Jesus, to sharing God's love  
for all peoples and growing in our love for Him  
and for one another.

Sunday 31st December 2017

St. Stephen's Day / Christmas 1 - Year B

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### Readings for Sunday 31st December

St. Stephen's Day for Ayia Kyriaki 0815 service and for St. Stephen's

#### Page Numbers for St. Stephen's only

**First Reading:** Acts 7: 51-60 -- Page 776  
**Psalm:** Psalm 119: 161-168 -- Page 440  
**Second Reading:** Galatians 2: 16b-20 -- Page 824  
**Gospel:** Matthew 10: 17-22 -- Page 688

### Sunday 31st December

#### Christmas 1 for St. Luke's and for Ayia Kyriaki 6.00pm service

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61: 10 - 62: 3  
**Psalm:** Psalm 148  
**Second Reading:** Galatians 4: 4-7  
**Gospel:** Luke 2: 15-21

### Sunday 7th January - Epiphany

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60: 1-6 -- Page 528  
**Psalm:** Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14 -- Page 414  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3: 1-12 -- Page 828  
**Gospel:** Matthew 2: 1-12 -- Page 681

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### *COLLECT & PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK*

**COLLECT:** God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Anglican Communion:** In a world where there is war and conflict, refugees, human trafficking, famine and poverty, let us pray and hold on to the message at the end of Archbishop Justin's Christmas sermon; **Christ offers a life of true freedom in love, in the darkest places his**

light shines. Every human being is invited to share that life and freedom. Christians are its witnesses. Amen.

**The Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East of which our Diocese is a part:** We pray for the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf; Bishop Michael, Archdeacons John and Bill, all priests and lay ministers at the end of this year of 2017.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for our Synod in February, for those who will be attending and for wisdom and vision in all they plan and do.

**In our own Parish of Paphos:** We pray for our Parish Priest the Reverend Andrew, Associate Priest Canon Anthony, and our Readers Ann, Trev and Ray; may 2018 be a fruitful year of ministry and outreach into the wider community of our parish.

**Please** keep in your prayers Charles Sweetlove, Andrew Bates and Vivienne Latham.

**Please** remember in your prayers the families and friends of **Sydney Bell** whose funeral took place on Friday, **Brian James** whose funeral took place yesterday, and **Frank Morris** whose funeral takes place on Thursday 11th January at 11.00am at St. Stephen's and then on to Mesa Chorio cemetery. If people would like to attend, please would they let either June Morris or Lisa Smith know.

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## *WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY & THIS WEEK*

### Sunday 31st December - St. Stephen's Day / Christmas 1

8.15am	Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki (St. Stephen's Day)
9.30am	Holy Communion - St. Luke's (BCP) - (Christmas 1)
11.00am	Holy Communion - St. Stephen's (St. Stephen's Day)
6.00pm	Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki (Christmas 1)

### Wednesday 3rd January

9.00am	Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki
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### Friday 5th January

2.00pm	Craft and Coffee - St. Stephen's
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11.00am	Holy Communion - St. Stephen's
6.00pm	Holy Eucharist - Ayia Kyriaki

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### **Treasurer's Insight (or best guess)**

My last two pieces have let you all know what our actual financial position was at the end of October and the estimated €21,500 being spent from reserves in 2018 to keep our Church operating broadly as it is today.

It is too early to give an accurate position for the end of November but as at the 28<sup>th</sup> November we have spent some €13,000 more than has come in from your giving, the wedding ministry and all fund raising. This is what was expected, as November is always the same in that spending exceeds income. Our year to date 2017 is now around break even.

Sarah has outlined the planned (pledges) giving scheme and I have suggested that we need an average of €10 per head for every week of the year in 2018 to make up the income shortfall. It is fully acknowledged that some can afford more, others less. Please consider planned giving and how much you want to give to maintain your Church. No-one but us financially supports the Anglican Church of Paphos.

## *THIS PARISH OF OURS*

### *Duty Wardens for this week*

**Ayia Kyriaki** - Jacquie Hammond

**St. Stephen's** - Chris Hoskins

**St. Luke's** - Jayne Preston

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**Gift Aid can boost Church finances:** If you pay UK income or capital gains tax please help the Church by using the blue Gift Aid envelopes for your Open Plate donations. This will add approximately 25% to any donations you make, as the Church can reclaim the basic rate of tax from your donations. If you are or intend to donate via the Pledge Giving Scheme, you can complete a one-off Gift Aid declaration. **Please ask for a pen if you need one.**

To make a Gift Aid declaration, you will need to pay UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in any tax year greater than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all your Gift Aid donations in that year, or you will be responsible for any difference. Income tax includes tax credits on UK dividend income. Boosting the Church income in this way will be a very welcome additional contribution to finances.

### **For our visitors and any residents eligible to Gift Aid:**

**PLEASE**, if you are putting your donation in a Gift Aid envelope, would you make sure that the details on the front of the envelope are completed; if this is not done we are unable to claim the tax refund.

## *GENERAL NOTICES*

**Still needing some inspiration:** There was a wonderful hour-long programme called *The First Silent Night* that was shown on the TV channel called Yesterday on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am. It recounted, in some engaging detail, the origins of this famous carol with the presenter being Simon Callow. It was first shown on TV in

2014. You may still be able to pick it up on catch-up or for the price of a cup of coffee, (\$US 2.99 – [€2.55 approximately]) you could purchase the programme and download it to your computer. If you are interested go to Amazon in America <https://www.amazon.com/First-Silent-Night-Season/dp/B015KHWE92> **OR** in iTunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/tv-season/the-first-silent-night/id1035384363> Although one Australian critic did not get on with it, I think that you will enjoy it and be uplifted by it.

Reverend Andrew

**Organist at St Stephen's:** Paul Timmins will be taking extended leave from his duties at St Stephen's from the beginning of January for a period of approximately three months. Clearly from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January, we will need an organist or a pianist or a musician to accompany our hymn singing. If you know of anyone, or if you, yourself, could step into this role; please speak to either Canon Anthony or myself. It really isn't too daunting. Reverend Andrew

**Websites:** You may be aware of the difficulties we had, in the summer, with our **parish website** when, through no fault of our own, we 'lost' the website for several weeks. It is pleasing to report that with lots of hard work by Sarah Sait, and others, we now have a new host for our website and the recent difficulties should not reoccur. Do have a look at the up-to-date photos and reports that are on our website – go to: [www.paphosanglicanchurch.org](http://www.paphosanglicanchurch.org)

**Wedding Website:** a completely new website for our wedding ministry has been developed through the hard work of Gerald Payne, Janine Scott and Trudie Murphy, and went live earlier in the month. We have carefully 'road-tested' it with several young people and strongly believe that it will attract interest and inquiries. In conjunction with this enhancement, a new parish wedding brochure has been printed. You will be aware that with a decline in the number of weddings that we are conducting, there is a need to enhance our publicity and presence

and all of this will, greatly, help the cause. My thanks to all who have worked hard on this aspect of our wedding ministry. Do have a look at our new website: [www.churchweddingspaphos.com](http://www.churchweddingspaphos.com) - we are proud of it. Reverend Andrew

**Diocesan Prayer Guide:** The newly published Diocesan Prayer Guide (which runs from December to June 2018) is now available in all three churches. Please take a copy if you would like to pray for the parishes and Chaplaincies in our Diocese. The Guide also contains interesting information about each parish and chaplaincy and about the people who lead in each place.

## *ADVANCE NOTICES*

### **January 2018**

**Topic:** Retirement Village in Tsada

**Speaker:** Elysian Fields Properties

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 @ 3 pm

**Location:** St Stephen's Church, Tala

Situated in a popular village in the Paphos district within a short drive to Latchi and Polis to the North and Coral Bay to the south this is one of the first projects of its kind on the Island.

This is something that has long been needed in Cyprus and the Developers are giving a presentation on the project.

Ladies, please do make a note in your diaries of the above event, the above details together with details of the talks in February and March can be downloaded from our website.

## *SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2018*

**Thursday 25th January** - Chinese meal will take place at the Imperial Restaurant, Kato Paphos 7.00 for 7.30pm. Price €18 and drinks to be discounted off the bill.

**Tuesday 13th February** - Shrove Tuesday (Stephanie Restaurant)

**Tuesday 13th March** - Nicosia Coach Trip

**Sunday 1st April** - Easter Lunch

**Monday 2nd April** - Sponsored Walk

**Saturday 14 April** - Craft Fayre (details to follow).

**Friday 18th May** - Mini Golf

**Friday 22nd June** - Fashion Show and afternoon tea

**Saturday 21st July** - Annual BBQ

**News sheet items to Sarah Sait, please, by 10.00 a. m.  
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